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Rome honored for small business contracting

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ROME, N.Y. — Four members of the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate staff, as well as a representative of the federal Small Business Administration, will be honored in May with the Air Force's Outstanding Contribution to the Small Business Program by a Contracting Team Award.

Receiving awards during ceremonies at the Pentagon will be: Janis Norelli, the directorate's small business specialist; Charles Flynn, a program manager in the Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division; Renee Arcuri and Alice Colasanti of the directorate's Contracting Division; and Ernest Ponton, business opportunity specialist in the Small Business Administration's Richmond, Va., office.

Last month, the four were presented with the 2003 Air Force Materiel Command Small Business Award for a team effort.

Team members were recognized for their efforts to take an urgent Homeland Security requirement and, in three months, made a direct, small business award of \$24.9 million to Zel Technologies, LLC, of Hampton, Va. The five-year agreement, signed in May 2003, will provide for research and development, life cycle management, testing, fielding, and user familiarization of the Automated Assistance with Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace software application. @